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FOR: GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CELLS, WHICH EXPRESS
BONE MORPHOGENIC PROTEINS

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO JUNE 15, 2004 OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004 issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, finally rejecting the claims, in connection with the above-identified Application. A response to the June 15, 2004 Office Action was due September 15, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, including the required fee. Therefore, a response is due October 15, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject Application as follows: